

**Chair's Business
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Good News Stories**

Title	Details
<p>Trust takes 'delivery' of 15 new midwives</p>	<p>We have welcomed 15 new midwives who are fulfilling their dream "of caring for women and their babies at this significant time in their lives". They are a welcome addition to the Trust maternity team, which consists of over 200 midwives who support women and families across Armagh, Dungannon, Craigavon, Banbridge, Newry and Mourne.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Trust remembrance service for babies and children</p>	<p>Maternity and Children Services along with the Chaplaincy Team and Bereavement Coordinator, are hosting a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for parents and families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death of a baby.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Test site for UK trial to screen children for type 1 diabetes</p>	<p>We are delighted that our diabetes team is hosting the ELSA research study for Northern Ireland, which is a trial screening programme for type 1 diabetes in children.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Call for feedback on stroke services</p>	<p>Trust stroke staff and service users have teamed up with the Stroke Association and our Care Opinion team, to develop a new service user feedback survey for patients being discharged from Craigavon, Daisy Hill, Lurgan and South Tyrone hospitals and the community stroke service.</p> <p>Around 600 patients are admitted to Southern Trust hospitals each year with stroke which is a serious life-threatening medical emergency that happens when the blood supply to part of the brain is cut off.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Hospital care at home</p>	<p>We are developing our 'hospital at home' service in the Newry and Mourne area. Since it was set up, the 'Acute Care at Home' has prevented over 12,000 hospital admissions and supported earlier discharge for more than 2000 people.</p> <p>As the first Consultant Geriatrician led service of its kind in Northern Ireland, the team aims to respond to referrals from GPs, Northern Ireland Ambulance service and local hospitals within just a few hours.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Dietitian recognised at Advancing Healthcare Awards</p>	<p>A Trust dietitian has scooped a leadership award after introducing a new service regionally which has helped to reduce pressure on outpatient waiting lists.</p> <p>At the Advancing Healthcare Awards on Thursday 12 October, the Outstanding Leadership award was won by a joint dietitian led project, including Trust Advanced Practitioner Gastroenterology Dietitian Liz O'Connor.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>

<p>New Discharge Lounge at Daisy Hill Hospital</p>	<p>A new discharge lounge has opened at Daisy Hill Hospital to help ensure that the most acutely ill patients get a bed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Patients assessed as fit for home from any adult wards or the Emergency Department can be transferred to the comfortable surroundings of the new lounge where discharge arrangements, for example paper work and medications, are completed.</p> <p>The unit which can accommodate up to 10 patients, has been developed as part of the stabilisation plans for acute medicine at Daisy Hill, to help improve patient flow throughout the hospital.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Donation of Madlug bags for Children and Young People</p>	<p>The Children and Young Peoples Service is delighted to have recently received a donation Madlug bags for children in foster care to transport their belongings when moving placements.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Mid Ulster Loneliness Network Celebration and Launch of Mid Ulster Council's Age Friendly Strategy</p>	<p>We have contributed to the Mid Ulster Loneliness Network's first annual celebration. The event in the Burnavon, Cookstown was also used to launch the Mid Ulster Age-Friendly Alliances' Age-friendly Strategy and Action Plan for the next three years.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Let's talk Coeliac Disease</p>	<p>The paediatric service has hosted an information day for children and their families living with Coeliac Disease in the Southern Trust area.</p> <p>Attendees were treated to delicious gluten free scones and baked goods supplied by local gluten free bakers. The children and their families had the opportunity to visit stands of local gluten free supplies and taste their products. They were given food products that are available on prescription, to take home to try which included pasta, cereal and bread along with lots of delicious samples.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>New outpatient stroke service</p>	<p>Our stroke team has developed a new ambulatory and virtual service for patients with mimic or minor stroke related symptoms.</p> <p>Around 600 patients are admitted to Southern Trust hospitals each year with stroke. However, similar to national trends, around one third of stroke related admissions include minor stroke, transient ischaemic attack or stroke mimics like hypoglycaemia or migraine aura, where a hospital stay is not always necessary.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>
<p>Continued recognition for obstetrics and gynaecology training</p>	<p>Our obstetrics and gynaecology team has been ranked top in the UK for gynaecology training.</p> <p>Along with receiving the top gynaecology training award out of 167 NHS Trusts, Craigavon Area Hospital team were also placed within the top 10 performing units and highly commended for professional development, obstetric training and overall performance.</p> <p>Whilst the accolade acknowledges the Craigavon team, the busy team provides services right across the Trust area, including at Daisy Hill.</p> <p><u>Read more</u></p>